

# Case study: Wickersley Northfield Primary School Eco Warriors

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## **Name of project or group.**

Wickersley Northfield Primary School's Eco Warriors.  
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## **Introduction**

Getting involved with your environment is an important tool for bringing communities together. At Wickersley Northfield Primary School the pupils have been leading by example. The Eco Warriors are a group of the school's most enthusiastic pupils from ages 5 to 11, who do their part for the environment.

## **What actions did you or your group want to take and why?**

Wickersley Northfield's Eco Warriors have set out to make the way their school operates more eco-friendly. They've designed and built a hedgehog house and bug hotel out of bottles and other recycled materials to put on their school grounds. They have introduced paper bins in each class to encourage recycling as well as having displays around the school. The Eco Warriors bring their message to annual events like the school's book day and hold an Eco Day each year. The whole school has also just finished taking part in the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean programme as well.

## **What resources or support did you need/use?**

The Eco Warriors are determined to show their community just how easy it can be to help your environment. For example, they are making a difference by using as few resources as possible and using recycled materials wherever possible at school, setting a great example to others.

## **How did you empower or involve others?**

By delivering assemblies to teach everyone what can and can't be recycled, everyone is then encouraged to go home and teach their friends and families. The pupils involved have become so passionate about helping the environment that they want to share all that they've learnt and spread their new found super power!

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**What changes have there been as a result of your actions?**

After working hard to develop their wildlife garden and ensuring their school is as environmentally friendly as possible, the Eco Warriors efforts have been recognised as this year they were awarded their first green flag and the KS2 Eco Warriors were declared Environment Agency Climate Champions 2020.

**What's next?**

Getting young people in Rotherham and Sheffield involved in environmental work will help inspire the next generation to care about the environment they are living in and encourage them to stay involved as they grow up.